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FUNDING GAPS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rural roads targets set under the Bharat Nirman Programme;

(b) whether these targets are being hampered due to the funding gaps;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to overcome the funding gaps.

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) Under Bharat Nirman (road component), it is targeted to connect all villages with a population of 1000 persons and above (500 persons and above in the case of hilly or tribal areas) with an all weather road by 2009. Under the programme, it is estimated to construct about 1, 46,185 kms. rural roads for connecting 66,802 habitations and upgrade about 1, 94,130 kms. existing rural roads.

(b) Delay in implementation of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) due to non-availability of funds has not been reported by the State/UT Governments.

(c) & (d) In addition to the allocation of funds from the Diesel Cess, funds are being arranged from the World Bank/Asian Development Bank and also from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).